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Dear Speaker Rendon,

As your appointee to the San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission (BCDC) on April 25, 2018, I am writing to update you on major developments over the last year.

On October 17, 2019, BCDC passed Environmental Justice and Social Equity Amendments to its San Francisco Bay Plan. This process was the culmination of two years of planning and 17 additional meetings of the Environmental Justice Commissioner Working Group of BCDC.

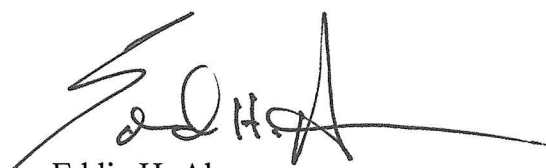
Building upon strong support from community stakeholders, our new environmental justice policies lay out a set of guiding principles to guide future Commission actions on the shoreline. These policies include ensuring that meaningful community involvement as projects are developed, disproportionate project impacts are addressed, inclusive design principles be used to evaluate public access projects, and potential adverse impacts are addressed that could be caused by a shoreline protection structure.

Implementation will be the key challenge in 2020. As now Chair of the Environmental Justice Work Group, I will prioritize strong engagement with stakeholders. To this end, BCDC will provide training to local jurisdictions, potential permit applicants and community groups, and collaboratively develop guidance to ensure meaningful community engagement happens early and often.

Finally, I have continued to connect both college and high school students to this regional agency. In the last year, UC Berkeley students, high school students from Bayview-Hunters Point, and students from the Green Academy at Lincoln High School have visited BCDC's new headquarters within the Bay Area Metro Center. Through these experiences, I remain hopeful that youth leadership will strengthen the environmental movement.

It has been an honor to serve this important environmental agency, and thank you for your longstanding commitment to environmental justice. Please let me know if you have any additional questions or concerns.

Best,



Eddie H. Ahn

cc: Juan Torres, Deputy Chief of Staff, Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon
(photos attached)



BCDC staff and San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) student Megan Z. present on how climate change affects vulnerable communities.



Students from Bayview-Hunters Point, UC Berkeley, and Brown University students assemble at the Bay Area Metro Center, BCDC's new headquarters.